

Governor Gala

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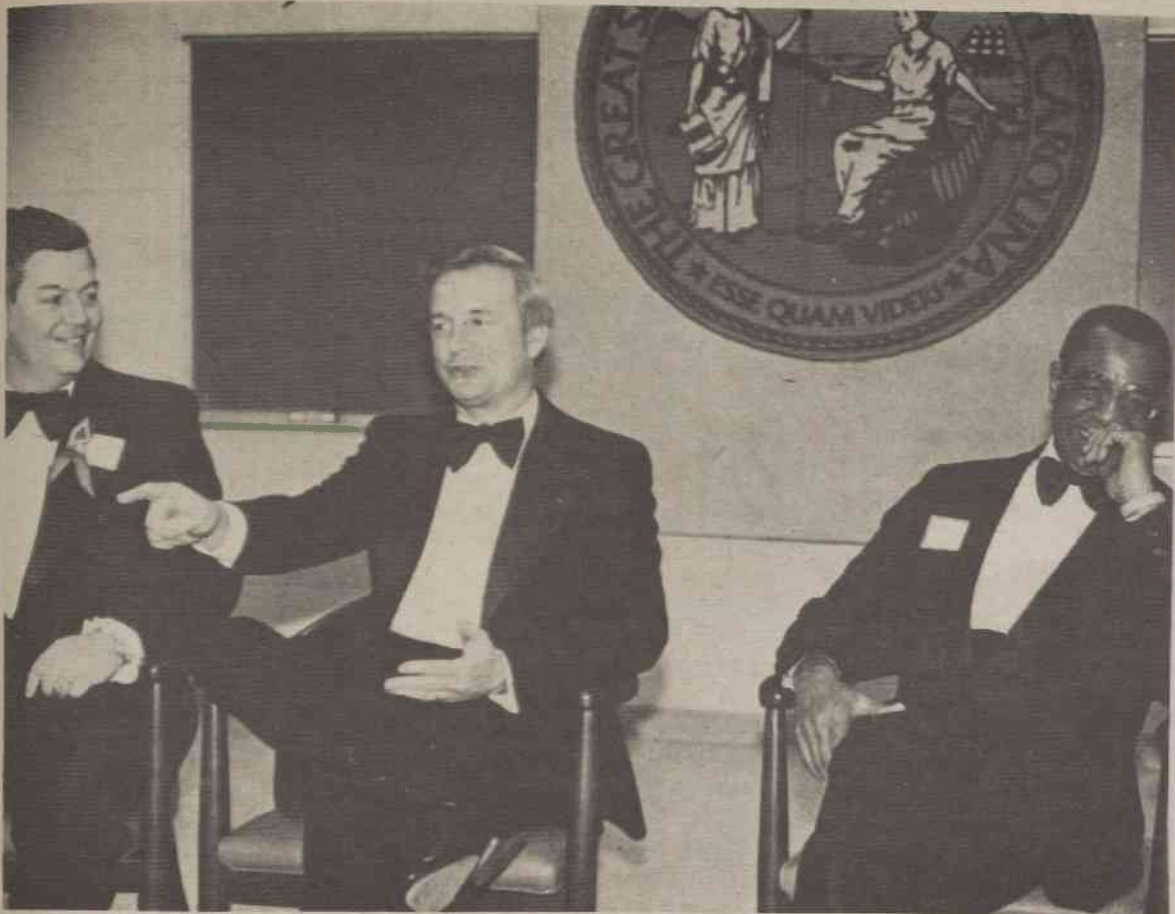
Elizabeth City State University's Chancellor Marion Thorpe and other administrators played host to North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt plus scores of other state and local politicians in a fund raising ball held Friday, February 12, 1982 in the Vaughan Center complex.

The fund-raising ball, held in support of the North Carolina regional Democratic Party, was dubbed more of a "political ball" than a dancing ball. Governor Hunt promised to support new and ongoing industry in the North Eastern N.C. area and praised the residents as being "a hard-working people." Hunt also said that the area's unlimited water supply would be very helpful in luring prospective industries to our areas as opposed to others that are not as abundant.

The advantages of the affair being held at Elizabeth City State University are two-fold. The University, one of the few facilities in the area large enough to house such a massive event as this, is centrally located in the North Eastern North Carolina area designated for industrial revitalization.

The second advantage is that the University had the opportunity to vocalize its objective to be a major contributor of qualified individuals that will be needed when area growth begins.

As Jimmy Jenkins, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs said: "It is most imperative that we (ECSU) remain in the minds of those who plan for industrial growth, because they will be looking for the young people to fill the positions opened by new and expanding industry and we want them to turn to our graduates to fill many of them."



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THE BLOOD MOBILE

Above: Sheila Gore frowns as the nurse pumps 1 pint of blood from her vein. One hundred and fifty pints of

blood were collected, and one hundred and eighty-three people came to Williams Hall to donate blood.

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Basketball has a strong tradition at ECSU. Not only has the fine coaching produced crucial wins and championship teams, but so has the strong efforts of team players.

One such player is Ivory Grooms.

The 6'4" 185 pound forward, a native of Wilson, N.C. has won many honors during his basketball career. His most recent awards include ECSU's "Most Valuable Player" and "All-Tournament" at the TCBCA tournament held in Norfolk, Va. He was also chosen twice as "Player of the Week" by *The Daily Advance*.

Grooms, a rather soft-spoken, but straightforward individual, is a senior criminal justice major. Unlike many student athletes, Grooms refuses to

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be stereotyped as the Physical Education Major. He commented, "I wouldn't want sports to dominate the most of my life," and added that "there are a lot of opportunities for the black criminal justice majors today."

Grooms also feels the student athlete should be on his toes at all times to prove himself academically and athletically. "I not only came to school to play ball, but also to learn all I can."

The life of a student-athlete is often hectic, and holding a part-time job doesn't make it any easier. But Grooms' determined attitude along with his friendly disposition seems to give him that extra needed boost. He also views his teammates as providing encouragement. "They are very special to me. We're almost like brothers. I feel we have the best talent in the

CIAA—on and off the court."

Besides the wide academic programs, and potent athletic traditions at ECSU, Grooms feels that there is a certain togetherness that's hard to find on any other campus. "It's a special relationship on campus. Everybody blends together and seems to get along."

Unlike most student athletes, Grooms does not dream of being the next Dr. J. or David Thompson. He doesn't even foresee being another Andrew Young or Julian Bond. But he's determined to be Ivory Grooms. "I don't want to be like anyone else."

But athletics are only one of the things important to the talented standout's college life. He also stresses the importance of academics, as well as a positive social life on a sincere basis of intellectualism.